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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-18, 30 and 31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 9-18, 30, and 31 are pending. Claims 10-18 are withdrawn from consideration.

Status of Specification

Applicant's amendment of the specification, see Remarks, filed 8/11/2009, with respect to the objection set forth in the Non-Final Office Action mailed 5/12/2009, has been fully considered and the objection has been overcome.

Status of Rejections

35 USC § 112 (2nd Paragraph)

Applicant's amendment of claim 9, see Remarks, filed 8/11/2009, with respect to the rejection set forth in the Non-Final Office Action mailed 5/12/2009, has been fully considered and the rejection has been overcome.

35 USC § 112 (1st Paragraph)

Applicant's amendment of claim 9, see Remarks, filed 8/11/2009, with respect to the rejection set forth in the Non-Final Office Action mailed 5/12/2009, has been fully considered and the rejection has been overcome.

New Objections and Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 (2nd Paragraph)

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 9 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 9 recites the limitation "with the proviso that when X is oxo, thiono, or imino, there is only one R¹". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim when R¹ is a substituent other than "absent". If R¹ is a substituent other than absent, the resulting compound would possess a pentavalent carbon, which is not possible since carbon may form only 4 covalent bonds. The examiner recommends that the proviso is removed from claim 9.

Claim 9 also recites "at least one pair of substituents selected from two of R¹, one of R², etc. may form a ring". As the claim reads, substituent R² currently stands alone and can not possibly form a ring with itself. Thus, the metes and bounds of the claim

can not be interpreted. The examiner recommends that the limitation "one of R²" is removed from claim 9. Claim 31 is rejected since it depends on claim 9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 (1st Paragraph)

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 9 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for compounds wherein "at least one pair of substituents selected from two of R¹ and one each of R¹ and R² may form an unsubstituted 6-membered aryl ring", does not reasonably provide enablement for compounds wherein the ring that is formed "comprises between three and seven annular atoms". The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Pursuant to *In re Wands*, 858 F.2d 731,737, 8 USPQ2d 1400, 1404 (Fed. Cir. 1988), one considers the following factors to determine whether undue experimentation is required:

- (A) The breadth of the claims;
- (B) The nature of the invention;
- (C) The state of the prior art;
- (D) The level of one of ordinary skill;
- (E) The level of predictability in the art;
- (F) The amount of direction provided by the inventor;
- (G) The existence of working examples; and

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(H) The quantity of experimentation needed to make or use the invention based on the content of the disclosure.

Some experimentation is not fatal; the issue is whether the amount of experimentation is "undue"; see *In re Vaeck*, 20 USPQ2d 1438, 1444. Analysis is described below:

(A) Breadth of claims: The formula IV is drawn to a myriad of substituents that vary independently and lead to compounds of a wide variety of structures. These compounds encompass molecules that widely vary in the physical and chemical properties such as size, molecular weight, acidity, basicity, and properties that are known in the art to greatly influence pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic parameters, not to mention the ability to productively bind to claimed biological target molecules. The claims cover compounds easily in the millions given the number of possible rings, ring systems covered by the claims' scope along with varying choices for remaining variables; thus the claims are very broad.

(B) The nature of the invention: 4-amino substituted quinazolines for the treatment of abnormal cell proliferation through inhibition of TIE-2.

(C) State of the Prior Art: Chemistry is unpredictable. See *In Re Marzocchi and Horton* 169 USPQ at 367 paragraph 3:

"Most non-chemists would probably be horrified if they were to learn how many attempted syntheses fail, and how inefficient research chemists are. The ratio of successful to unsuccessful chemical experiments in a normal research laboratory is far below unity, and synthetic research chemists, in the same way as most scientists, spend most of their time working out what went wrong, and why. Despite the many pitfalls lurking in organic synthesis, most organic chemistry textbooks and research articles do give the impression that organic reactions just proceed smoothly and that the total synthesis of complex natural products, for instance, is maybe a labor-intensive but otherwise undemanding task. In fact, most syntheses of structurally complex natural products are the result of several years of hard work by a team of chemists, with almost

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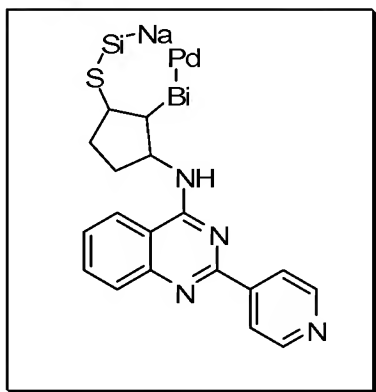
every step requiring careful optimization. The final synthesis usually looks quite different from that originally planned, because of unexpected difficulties encountered in the initially chosen synthetic sequence. Only the seasoned practitioner who has experienced for himself the many failures and frustrations which the development (sometimes even the repetition) of a synthesis usually implies will be able to appraise such workChemists tend not to publish negative results, because these are, as opposed to positive results, never definite (and far too copious)" Dorwald F. A. Side Reactions in Organic Synthesis, 2005, Wiley: VCH, Weinheim pg. IX of Preface.

(D) Skill of those in the art: The level of skill in the art is high and one would possess a Ph.D. in synthetic organic chemistry.

(E) Level of predictability in the art: It is well established that "the scope of enablement varies inversely with the degree of unpredictability of the factors involved," and physiological activity is generally considered to be an unpredictable factor. See *In re Fisher*, 427 F.2d 833, 839, 166 USPQ 18, 24 (CCPA 1970).

(F) Direction or Guidance: Little guidance or direction is provided by applicant in reference to making every possible ring system which "comprises between three and seven annular atoms". Nowhere in the instant disclosure does it show how to make and subsequently use compounds that possess the aforementioned limitation. To one of ordinary skill in the art, "atoms" may comprise every possible known element described in the periodic table of the elements. For example, the claims embrace ring systems that may be comprised of elements such as sulfur, phosphorous, palladium, xenon, potassium, etc. The list of "atoms" to be covered in claim 9 is exhaustive. The following compound is embraced by applicant's claim 9:

Figure 1.



The examiner currently invites applicant to devise a synthetic scheme, synthesize, and subsequently use the above moiety in the treatment of abnormal cell proliferation. Once shown, applicant may be entitled to a broader scope of compounds.

(G) Working Examples: The compound core depicted with specific substituents represent a narrow subgenus for which applicant has provided sufficient guidance to make and use; however, this disclosure is not sufficient to allow extrapolation of the limited examples to enable the scope of the compounds instantly claimed. Applicant has provided no working examples such as the compound described above.

Within the specification, “specific operative embodiments or examples of the invention must be set forth. Examples and description should be of sufficient scope as to justify the scope of the claims. *Markush* claims must be provided with support in the disclosure for each member of the *Markush* group. Where the constitution and formula of a chemical compound is stated only as a probability or speculation, the disclosure is not sufficient to support claims identifying the compound by such composition or formula.” See MPEP 608.01(p).

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(H) The quantity of experimentation needed: Since there are very limited working examples as described above, the amount of experimentation is expected to be high and burdensome. Applicant fails to provide guidance and supporting information for making the thousands of other compounds which are encompassed by the claims, therefore undue experimentation would be expected.

Due to the level of unpredictability in the art, the very limited guidance provided, and the lack of working examples, the applicant has shown lack of enablement. MPEP 2164.01(a) states, "A conclusion of lack of enablement means that, based on the evidence regarding each of the above factors, the specification, at the time the application was filed, would not have taught one skilled in the art how to make and/or use the full scope of the claimed invention without undue experimentation. *In re Wright*, 999 F.2d 1557, 1562, 27 USPQ2d 1510, 1513 (Fed. Cir. 1993)." That conclusion is clearly justified here.

Conclusion

Claims 9 and 31 are rejected. Claim 30 is allowed for the reasons already stated of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIAN MCDOWELL whose telephone number is (571)270-5755. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached 571-272-0661. The fax phone

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